Forester

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| **Why I chose this career:** | Does anybody remember those Smokey the bear commercials? At the end of each of those commercials he would close with, “Only you can prevent forest fires.” As a child that commercial resonated within me and I knew that I wanted to do something to help prevent those forest fires from happening. |
| **Name & Job:**  **(Hobbies and Interest)** | My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and my decision to become a forester began when I was in high school. Biology was one of my favorite classes in high school, especially the material about ecosystems and plants. Additionally, I liked being outside and observing the various habitats around me. |
| **Education:** | When I got to college I was able to get into the Natural Resources program. Once I graduated I began searching for jobs until I was able to get a position at Umstead Park. |
| **Salary:** | I make around $54,000 a year and I couldn’t be happier. |
| **Work Duties:** | On a daily basis, I get to walk through the park taking note of how to preserve the habitats of animals. I also check the water quality and the soil stability to make sure they comply with environmental regulations. When we do decide to cut down trees I help come up with a plan that removes the timber with minimum waste and environmental damage. |